

## Visiting Capitol Hill

We encourage you to include a visit to Capitol Hill on your trip to Washington. Take a few moments to stop by our office, Suite 511 of the Hart Senate Office Building.

### ***Directions to Senator Max Baucus's Office***

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There are entrances at each corner of the Senate Hart Building. The main entrance is located at Constitution Avenue, NE and Second ST, NE. *Look for signs for entrance times and guidelines.*

#### **From Union Station (Red Line):**

- Exit Union Station
- Cross the plaza (Columbus Circle) toward the ring of state flags
- Go south on Delaware Avenue, NE (you will be heading toward the U.S. Capitol)
- Continue on Delaware until you reach C Street, NE
- Continue East on C Street, NE
- The Hart Senate Office Building is located on the Corner of C Street and Second Street NE

#### **From Capitol South Metro (Blue and Orange Line):**

- Follow First Street approximately 3 blocks (you will pass the Library of Congress and the Supreme Court on your right)
- Cross Constitution Avenue and take a right
- The Hart Senate Office Building is located on your left side
- Use either the public entrance located on Constitution Avenue, or Constitution Avenue and Second Street NE

#### **From Metro Center:**

- Take the Red Line to Glenmont
- Exit Union Station Metro Stop and follow directions "From Union Station"

### ***Passes to the Senate Galleries***

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It is our pleasure to offer passes to the Senate Chamber Gallery free of charge to our constituents. Passes are always required to visit the Galleries. These free passes are available in our office, Suite 511 of the Hart Senate Office Building. If your party requires more than 20 passes, please call ahead to our office so we can have them ready for you. PLEASE NOTE: Children under the age of six are not permitted in the galleries. Furthermore, all electronics including, but not limited to, cameras, video recorders, key chains with electronic functions, cell phones, Blackberrys, as well as strollers, must be checked before entrance to the Gallery.

### **Senate Gallery**

The line for entry to the Senate Gallery is at the North side of the Capitol. From the Hart building, you can turn left on First Street and walk to the corner of First Street and Constitution Avenue.

### **Houses of Representatives Gallery**

The line for entry to the House of Representatives Gallery is found at the South side of the Capitol. Passes for the House Chamber must be obtained through your Representative's office.

### ***Public Tours of the Capitol***

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Public tours for the [U.S. Capitol](#) are restricted to the hours of 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. with the last tour beginning at 1:15 pm, Monday through Friday. Please contact my Washington, D.C. office at (202) 224-2651 for details or call the Capitol Tour Line at (202) 225-6827.

We are able to schedule staff-led tours of the Capitol Building for families from Montana. Our scheduled staff lead tours are conducted Monday thru Friday at 9:30 am and 2:00 pm. There is a maximum of 15 constituents permitted on each tour due to Capitol Guidelines, so we encourage constituents to prepare ahead of time. Please call (202) 224-2651 to see if a tour is available during your stay.

Please note that visitors to the Capitol are not permitted to bring any of the following items: aerosol sprays, liquids of any kind (including water bottles), unsealed foodstuffs, oversized suitcases or backpacks, knives of any kind, razors, mace, pepper spray, matches or lighters. However, Capitol police are authorized to make exceptions if the prohibited item is deemed to be necessary and required to serve child care, medical, or other special needs. Please keep in mind, due to the events of September 11, 2001, many government tours are either closed or on restricted schedules.

You may also want to consult the Architect of the Capitol [Web site](#). The Architect of the Capitol is responsible to the United States Congress for the maintenance, operation, development, and preservation of the United States Capitol Complex, which includes the Capitol, the congressional office buildings, the Library of Congress buildings, the Supreme Court building, the U.S. Botanic Garden, the Capitol Power Plant, and other facilities.

## ***The Library of Congress***

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The Library of Congress is the world's largest library. It is located at First Street and Independence Avenue, SE. Tours are conducted Monday thru Friday, 10:30 am, 11:30 am, 1:30 pm, 2:30 pm, 3:30 pm, beginning in the Madison Building. The Library asks that groups larger than 10 people make a reservation for a specific tour, and is closed on Sundays and federal holidays. The number to call for more information is (202) 707-5458.

Reserved tours of the Thomas Jefferson Building are offered Monday – Friday at 8:45 a.m. and 1:45 p.m. Please call (202) 224-2651 to see if a tour is available during your stay.

## ***The Supreme Court***

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The Supreme Court is the highest court in the land. It is located at First Street and Maryland Avenue, NE. Open Monday through Friday, 9 am to 4:30 pm. Tours are 9:30 am to 3:30 pm, every hour on the half hour, except when Court is in session. No tours on Federal Holidays. The number to call for more information is (202) 479-3000.

Reserved tours are offered Monday – Friday at 2:00 p.m. on days the Court is not sitting. The 2:00 pm Supreme Court tour can be scheduled for a maximum of six people. All groups larger than six people must attend the public tour. The public tour of the Supreme Court are offered Monday-Friday, from 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., every hour on the half hour. To submit a tour request form, please [click here](#).

[Union Station](#) - It is located on Massachusetts Avenue and First Street, NE. Rail station, metro stop, specialty shops, restaurants, cinema, and more. Open 10 am to 9 pm, Monday through Saturday; 12 pm to 6 pm on Sundays.